

(6) Colorectal cancer examinations and laboratory tests at least equal to the coverage required by G.S. 58-3-179.

(b) Notwithstanding G.S. 58-50-125(c), in developing and approving the plans under G.S. 58-50-125, the Committee and Commissioner shall give due consideration to cost-effective and life-saving health care services and to cost-effective health care providers."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective January 1, 2002, and applies to all health benefit plans that are delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on and after that date. For the purposes of this act, renewal of a health benefit plan is presumed to occur on each anniversary of the date on which coverage was first effective on the person or persons covered by the health benefit plan.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of May, 2001.

Became law upon approval of the Governor at 1:47 p.m. on the 24th day of May, 2001.

H.B. 261**SESSION LAW 2001-117****AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE VETERANS HOME ACT.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 165-49(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) All funds received by the Division shall be deposited in the North Carolina Veterans Home Trust Fund, except for any funds deposited into special agency accounts established pursuant to G.S. 165-48(d)(3). The Veterans Affairs Commission shall authorize the expenditure of all funds from the North Carolina Veterans Home Trust Fund. The Veterans Affairs Commission may delegate authority to the Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the expenditure of funds from the North Carolina Veterans Home Trust Fund for operations of the State Veterans Nursing Homes."

SECTION 2. G.S. 165-51 reads as rewritten:

"§ 165-51. *Program staff.*

The Division shall appoint and fix the salary of an Administrative Officer for the State veterans home program. The Administrative Officer shall be an honorably discharged veteran who has served in active military service in the armed forces of the United States for other than training purposes. The Administrative Officer shall direct the establishment of the State veterans home program, coordinate the master planning, land acquisition, and construction of all State veterans homes under the procedures of the Office of State Construction, and oversee the ongoing operation of said veterans homes. ~~The Administrative Officer may hire one office assistant to~~